

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action mailed July 1, 2008.

By this Amendment, the specification has been amended to provide additional proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter noted in the Office Action (i.e. the limitations "*said liquid storing means being accommodated within a housing together with said carrier, said first electrode, said second electrode, and said voltage source*" and "*said voltage source is accommodated within said housing together with a first contact and a second contact*"). However, no claims have been amended in this response. Thus, claims 3-7 remain pending in this application.

In view of these amendments, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this objection.

Applicant believes that the specification does expressly provide proper antecedent basis for the limitations "*said liquid storing means being accommodated within a housing together with said carrier, said first electrode, said second electrode, and said voltage source*" and "*said voltage source is accommodated within said housing together with a first contact and a second contact*" on page 2, lines 2, 3 and 19-21, of the specification (or, for the Examiner's convenience, paragraph [0004], lines 13-15, and paragraph [0007], lines 1-4, of the Patent Application Publication US 2006/0144971). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reviews the cited passages and withdraws this objection.

In addition, in the interest of expediting the allowance of the present application, Applicant has also reviewed and amended the specification to provide additional proper antecedent basis for the limitations "*said liquid storing means being accommodated within a housing together with said carrier, said first electrode, said second electrode, and said voltage source*" and "*said voltage source is accommodated within said housing together with a first contact and a second*

contact” as per the Examiner’s request.

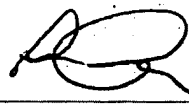
Thus, in view of the cited passages and the amendments to the specification, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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